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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 3-110012 published November 12, 1991 discloses: As shown in Fig. 1(a), a conveying apparatus includes feed rollers 4, which are coupled to a motor (not shown), and feed rollers 3, which are not coupled to any motor.

2. Japanese Patent Application No. 08-080089 published March 22, 1996 discloses:
PURPOSE: To obviate the necessity to provide a phase-advanced capacitor by giving two-phase AC generated in an inverter directly to the positive-phase winding and the 90 degree-phase winding of a two-phase AC motor, and to enable the motor to be driven at optional rotational speed by changing the switching frequency of the inverter.

CONSTITUTION: An inverter 60 is composed of an inverter 61 on positive phase side for getting AC E21 on positive phase side and an inverter 65 on 90 degree phase side for getting AC E22 on 90 degree phase side, and a control circuit 68 outputs pulse signals 35A1 and 35A2, and 35B1 and 35B2 so as to control a group of switching circuits 51 and 52. Hereby, the installation of an advanced-phase capacitor by giving two-phase AC E1 and E2 generated in the inverter directly to the positive-phase winding 11 and 90 degree-phase winding 12 of a two-phase AC motor 10, whereby the accident caused by the damage of heating occurrence, etc., can be removed. Moreover, the motor can be driven at optional speed by changing the switching frequency of the inverter 60.

3. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-301842 published November 2, 1999 discloses:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an in-loading conveyer capable of forming a conveying route longer than by technique in the past without enlarging a diameter of a conveying roller, and setting the conveying route to a desired length.

SOLUTION: An in-loading conveyer is provided with a plurality of belt conveyers 11A, 11B, 11C arranged so as to deliver an article 30 successively along a prescribed conveying route X. An index part 4 for indicating a loading position of the article 30 is provided in belts 2A, 2B, 2C of each belt conveyer 11A, 11B, 11C. By inverter controlling each drive motor M1, M2, M3, a conveying speed of each belt 2A, 2B, 2C is controlled so as to synchronously move the index part 4 of each belt conveyer 11A, 11B, 11C.

4. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-344332 published December 12, 2000 discloses:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce a power transmitting mechanism and simplify the assembling and the maintenance in a motor roller including a motor part inside a roller part, by providing end caps mounted on ends of the roller part, with a mounting part for an actuating mechanism forming means.

SOLUTION: A motor roller 10 comprises a roller part 11 and shaft bodies 12, 13 projecting from both ends of the roller part 11 for rotatably supporting the roller part 11, and the motor part 14 is mounted on one of the shaft bodies 12. The rotational driving force of the motor part 14 is transmitted to the roller part 11 through a reduction gear part 15, and end caps 17 are mounted to close both ends of the roller part 11. Bearings 21, 23 are fitted on the centers of the end caps 17, insertion holes 35 for inserting the shaft bodies 12, 13, are respectively formed on the end caps 17, and a plurality of screw holes 36 are formed around the insertion holes 35 as the mounting parts, so that an actuating mechanism such as a changeover conveyor and the like can be mounted by utilizing the screw holes 36.

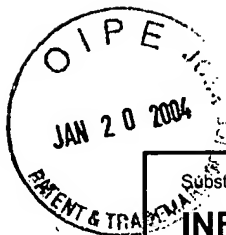
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